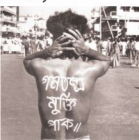




Fishermen busy fishing in the soft rays of the morning sun in Chenger Khal River in Sylhet yesterday. They are in a festive mood as the receding water has increased the availability of fish.

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Shaheed Noor Hossain Day today



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The Shaheed Noor Hossain Day will be observed today, a commemorating the martyrdom of a young pro-democracy activist during the anti-Ershad movement in the late 80s.

On this day in 1987, Noor Hossain, who backed his bare chest and imprisoned his slogan "Swaichar Nipat Jak, Gonatantra Mukti Pak" (down with autocracy, let democracy be freed), was gunned down in police firing during an anti-autocracy demonstration in the capital's Zero Point. This place was renamed after Shaheed Noor Hossain Chattar ("square").

Luba League leader Nurul Huda Babu and farmers' SEE PAGE 5 COL 2

Govt not aware of CJ's return date Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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BANSHKHALI UPAZILA

18 bullet-hit in AL factional clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

At least 18 people sustained bullet injuries in a fight between two factions of the ruling Awami League (AL) in Banshkhali upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The bullet-hit AL men were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), confirmed Silbroti Barua, assistant sub-inspector of CMCH police outpost.

The gun battle started around 5:30pm following a clash between the followers of lawmaker from Banshkhali Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury and local AL leader Abdullah Kapir Liton in municipality area, said Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Chittagong (South) AKM Emran Bhuiyan.

Liton, also a nephew of late AL leader Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu, was heading for a programme organised by Akhtaruzzaman Smriti Sangsad commemorating the late AL leader. Liton is the chief adviser of the Sangsad.

Meanwhile, followers of Mostafizur, also president of the upazila AL unit, intercepted Liton's convoy, resulting in a clash and subsequently a gun battle between the two groups, said ASP Emran Bhuiyan. At least, 18 AL activists from both the ASP sustained bullet injuries, he added.

Witnesses said several vehicles were also vandalised during the clash.

Officer-in-Charge of Banshkhali Police Station Alamgir Hossain said on information they rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by dispersing the fighting groups.

The Daily Star tried to contact Mostafizur to get his version. But he did not pick up the phone despite repeated attempts.

However, Liton, a member of the Banshkhali upazila AL unit, claimed that supporters of Mostafizur had "opened fire" on his motorcade when they reached near Mostafizur's residence on the way to the commemorating programme, leaving "several of his supporters bullet-hit".



Priyabhashini's condition unchanged

Say doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The condition of Ferdausi Priyabhashini, now undergoing treatment at the capital's Labaid Hospital, has not improved.

Doctors said they were observing the 70-year-old sculptor and freedom fighter to ascertain her condition.

She is still at the Coronary Care Unit (CCU), Saiful Islam Lenin, assistant general manager of the hospital, told The Daily Star yesterday evening.

She was taken to the hospital on Wednesday afternoon from her Gulshan residence after she fell on the floor and hurt her leg on Tuesday night.

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HC declares Alal's overseas travel ban illegal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday declared illegal the government's action of obstructing BNP leader Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal at Dhaka International Airport for 17 times for going abroad since 2013.

The court also directed the authorities concerned of the government not to create any obstruction for Alal while going abroad or returning home in future.

The HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dasgiri Hossain and Justice Md Ataur Rahman Khan came up with the verdict after hearing a writ petition filed by Alal challenging the legality of the government decision to prevent him from leaving the country.

Sagor Hossain Lion, a lawyer for Alal, told The Daily Star that the immigration authorities had prevented his client from going abroad by keeping him waiting at the Dhaka airport for 17 times since 2013.

The immigration authorities were ordered to delete the 17 obstructive general diaries (GDs) The HC declared the alternative GDs illegal, said he.

The lawyer also said the HC delivered the verdict on the grounds that every citizen has right to free movement all over the world.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at Bakshibazar makeshift court premises in the capital yesterday after she appeared before it in Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

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